INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Conococheaque Sportsmen's Club [Blackford Cement Factory]
Survey Number: <u>WA-II-368</u>
Project: <u>ISTEA Scenic Easement Acquisition</u> Agency: <u>FHWA/SHA</u>
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: <u>X</u> A <u>B X</u> C <u>D</u> Considerations: <u>A</u> B <u>C</u> D <u>E</u> F <u>G</u> None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
Pased on the information provided by SHA, the Conococheague Sportsmen's Club property, ocated on the C&O Canal and Potomac River, southwest of Sharpsburg, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The property consists of two parcels. One parcel is included in the MHT Inventory as the Blackford Cement Factory (WA-II-368). A log house and frame barn were located on this parcel at the time of the inventory (1978), but were removed approximately 15 years ago by the Club. The other parcek contains the club building, which is significant as an example of a rural vernacular log building style dating to the 1930s and associated with fraternal and social meeting halls in Western Maryland. The club house was constructed by club members in 1933 of cedar logs cut locally. Two c. 1950 cement block buildings are also located on this parcel. The property property may also be significant for its association with the events of the Civil War. It may have been used as the crossing point by Lee's forces as they retreated from Antietam in September 1862. Blackford's Ford, a shallow route across the Potomac is located in the vicinity. The property also has a high potential for both prehistoric and historic archeological remains.
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: <u>Project file, MHT Inventory #</u>
WA-II-368 and
Prepared by:Engineering-Science, Inc
Elizabeth Hannold October 18, 1994 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
program concurrence: yes no not applicable
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:	
	Eastern Shore Western Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
	Piedmont	Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Engloying Hanford Howard Montgomory)
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II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	eriods:
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III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:
	Subsistence Settlement Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaption	Agriculture X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law X Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation
V. R	esource Type:	
	Category: <u>Building</u>	
	Historic Environment: <u>Rural</u>	
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s	s): <u>Social, Recreational</u>
	Known Design Source: <u>na</u>	

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The Conococheague Sportsmen's Club sits on a parcel of land containing 35.9 acres. Next to this property, the Club also owns land containing 126.54 acres. The consecutive properties are found along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, north of the Potomac River, about one mile east of Shepherdstown, Virginia and two miles southwest of Sharpsburg, Maryland in Washington County. The Conococheague Sportsmen's Club sits at the top of a hill and is reached by a long driveway.

The Club is built into a bank at the top of a hill. It is a rectangular structure constructed of round cedar timbers with an L-extension on the northeast wall. It has a pitched roof and the main section contains a single bay with no ceiling. The south wall consists of a two tiered, full facade open porches with supporting columns at ground level of stone holding up the wood porch above. The upper level of the porch continues around the west gable end, while the lower porch continues around the east gable end where there is an exterior chimney built of field stones. The internal fireplace is on the upper floor.

The round log structure is joined with single saddle notching throughout and is painted black. The chinking, probably of cement, is painted white. The gables, including that of the L-addition, are also built with logs but they are set vertically. There are numerous openings in the walls of both floors. Window types vary from mainly double-hung sash to double casement. The south facade contains windows on the upper story and three doors on the lower level. The wall of the lower level of the south facade, as well as the rest of the foundation for the structure, is composed of field stones set in mortar. One door (it would have been the second in line from the left) on the lower level south facade was removed and the opening filled in with field stones. The roof is covered with composition shingles. The Club is in excellent condition and no renovations or additions have been made to it since it was built in 1933.

There are two other structure in the vicinity of the Club. Both are of cinder block construction with flat roofs and dating from approximately the 1950s. One cinder block building has sliding windows on three sides and an entrance door with windows. The other building is windowless and is probably used for storage.

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According to Dale Lewis, Secretary of the Conococheague Sportsmen's Club, the Conococheague Sportsmen's Club was built in 1933 and incorporated October 31, 1939. The building is a vernacular structure built of cedar logs. The logs were cut from the surrounding woods and hauled to the site by horse by a Mr. Churchey. It is said Mr. Churchey was the main builder of the Club, although other members also helped in the construction. The Club has been in operation since it was built. The facilities are used primarily for shooting practice and contests. There is a bar in the bottom floor of the building open every evening.

The Conococheague Sportsmen's Club is potentially eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C during the Modern Period (1930-present), under the guidelines of the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan. Built of local materials, the Club has been in continuous use since 1933 and retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling. It is significant at the local level as an example of a rural vernacular log building style from the 1930s associated with fraternal and social meeting halls in Western Maryland used by sportmen for educational and recreational purposes.

The 126.54 acre tract

According to the 1978 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, the 126.54 acres adjoining the 35.9 acres contained two structures, a log house and a frame barn. Starting in the last quarter of the 19th century, the structures for many years contained a cement factory. Approximately 15 years ago the buildings were leveled by the Club because they had totally collapsed. There are no standing structures or remnants of foundations on the site today.

Local informants relate that because of the proximity of the property to the Potomac River, it may have been used as the crossing point by Lee's forces as they retreated from the Civil War Battle in Antietam in September of 1862. The site containing the buildings mentioned in the 1978 report was near Blackford's Ford, a shallow route across the Potomac immediately to the south of the structures.

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This complex was for many years a cement factory. Apparently during the third quarter of the 19th century it was operated as Antietam Cement Company under the ownership of Henry Kyd Douglas and William M. Blackford. (92/685, 93/342). In 1896 Antietam Cement Company was sold to the Potomac Hydraulic Cement Company of Keedysville, Maryland. In 1913, it was conveyed from the Potomac Cement Company to individual private ownership although the cement factory was mentioned in subsequent deeds as recently as 1963.

The Knode family who ownes the property has had connections with this land since the early 1800's when it was acquired in various transactions by John Blackford. (F/286, AA/519, BB/252, TT/165).

John Blackford was married to Elizabeth Knode and a number of her relatives lived on the property. There are references to a "Sement" operation in 1838 in <u>Blackford's Plantation</u> <u>Journal</u>.

It is possible that the log house may predate Blackford ownership and its proximity to the Pack House Ford, an 18th century crossing place on the river could suggest a connection with early travel.

The references to cement in the 19th century refer to the burning of lime from local stone for use in mortars.

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This complex, part of the Blackford Plantation includes a one and a half story, three bay house of log which faces south, toward the Potomac River near the site of the "Pack Horse," or Blackfords Ford. The house is abandoned and in ruins. Its front section has a stone chimney which has been extended with brick. This suggests that the house may have been a one story dwelling which later had an upper half story added. Windows are small in relation to wall area. From the great distance at which this house was observed, it seems to follow the form of 18th century work at the first story with the upper level addition being later.

East of the house is a large frame structure now used as a barn. It is built with its north the obline and into a steep slope. To its east is a large stone lime kiln with a brick lined the opening at its bottom. Evidence of disturbed earth along the edge of the canal road resembling an old quarry and supportive buildings stand nearby.

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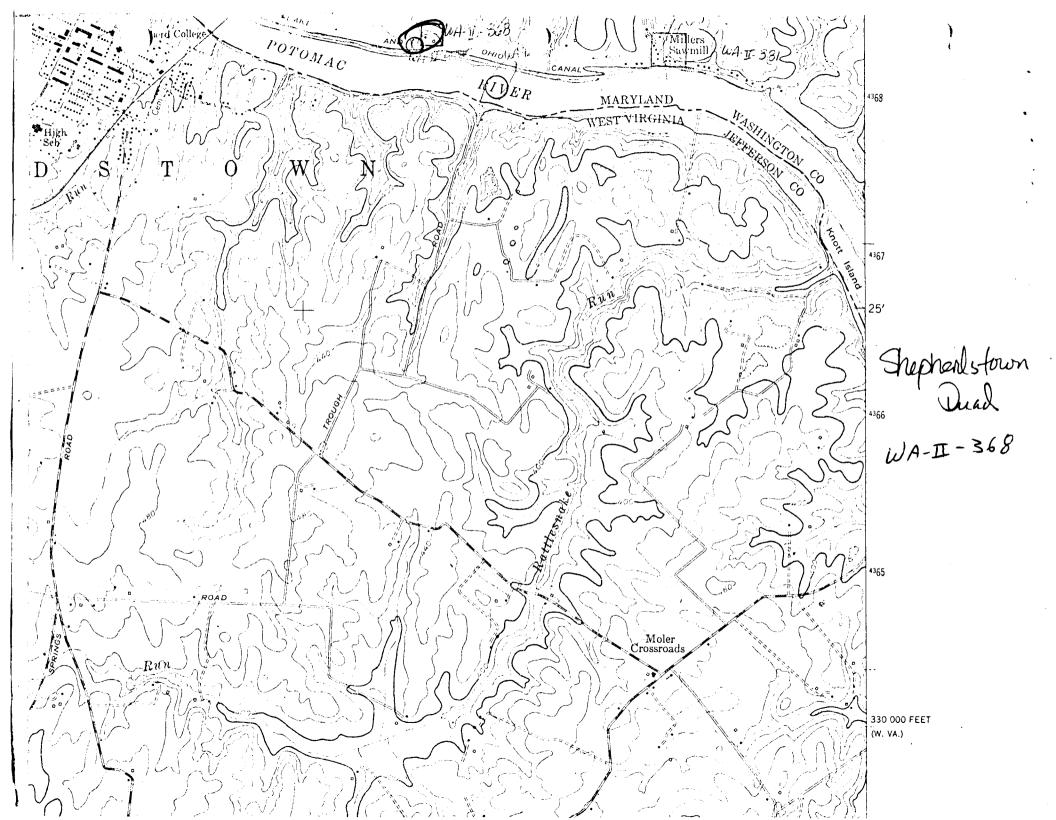
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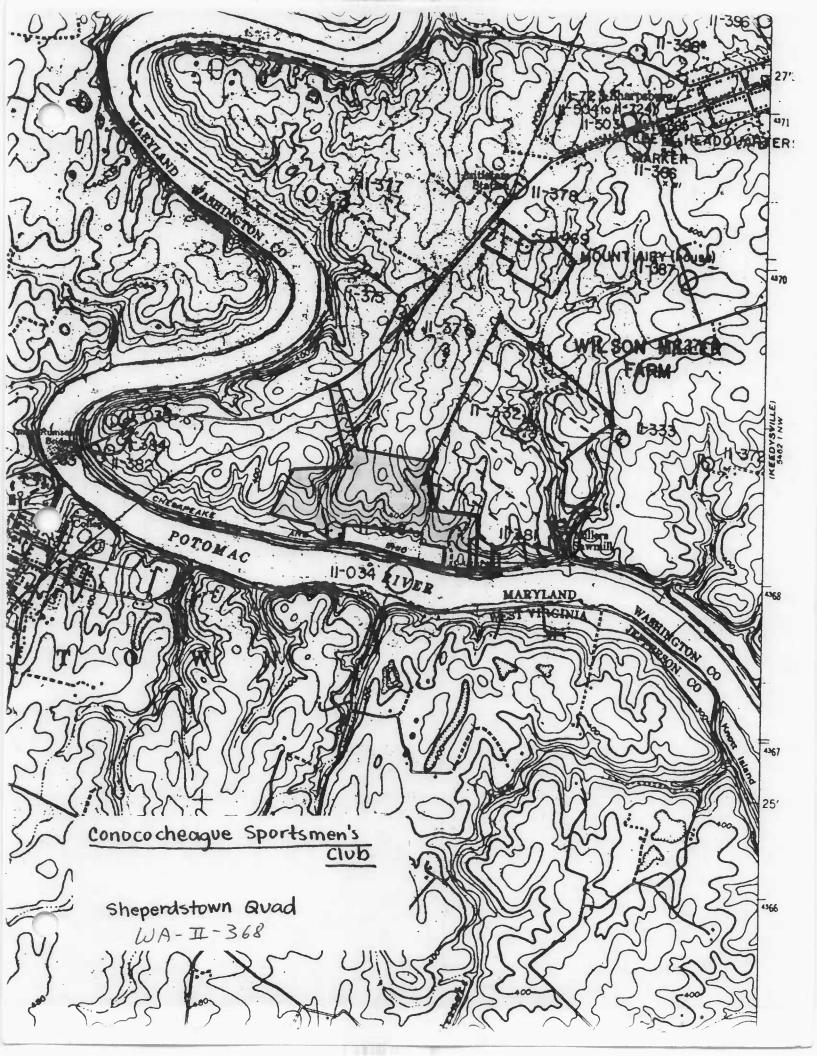
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Another one of the industries located on the canal was that of producing lime. At one time the Potomac Refining Company had lime kilns here and operated the crusher with steam power generated by coal brought down the canal by freight boats. There was originally a manganese quarry, but the operation ceased in 1912 when the formation ran under the canal. (Nat'l. Pk. Ser.)





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Conococheague Sportsmen's Club (Blackford Cement Factory)

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1. View of the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club from the northwest.
- 2. The east elevation of the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club showing the two story porch on the south side, the east gable end containing the chimney, and the L extension on the northeast.
- 3. View of the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club from the northeast showing the east gable end with chimney and the northeast L addition.
- 4. The southeast corner of Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club showing a two story porch, the bottom of which continues around the east gable end.
- 5. The south elevation of the Conocochegue Sportmen's Club showing a two tiered porch, open on top and a walk through on the ground floor.
- 6. Cedar log wall and chinking (including use of vertical logs in the gable) on the north gable end of the L addition on the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club.
- 7. A cinder block outbuilding to the north of the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club.
- 8. A cinder block outbuilding to the northeast of the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club.
- 9. Detail of single saddle notch cornering used throughout the Conocochegue Sportsmen's Club.



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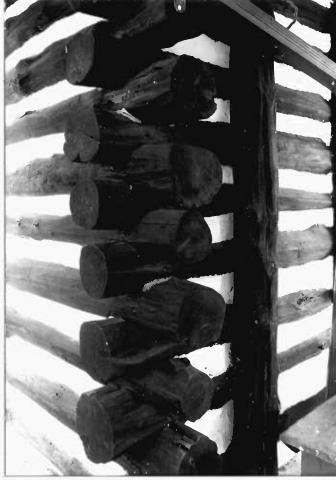


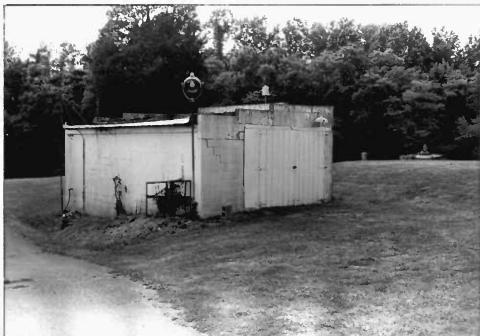
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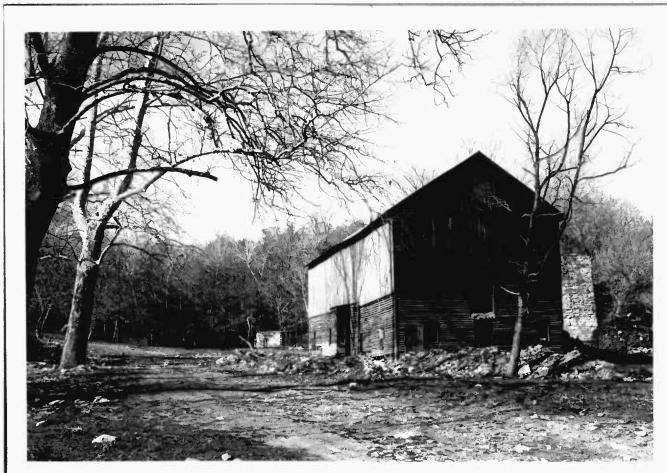




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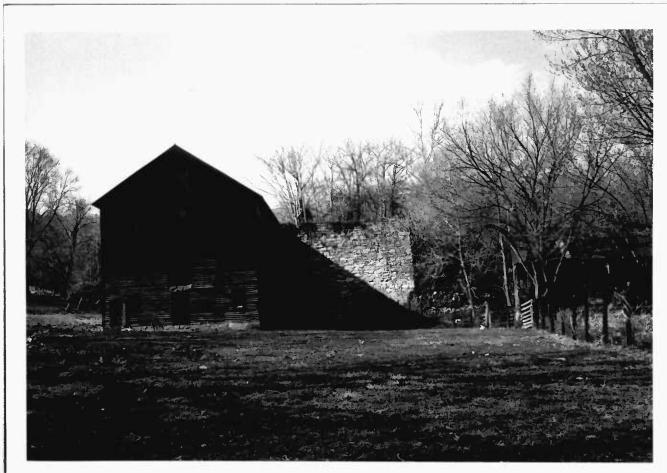
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